

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of dry cleaning of a fabric material which comprises the steps of:

(a) immersing the fabric material in or soaking the fabric material with a dry cleaning solvent which is a tris(trimethylsiloxy) silane compound represented by the general formula



In which Me is a methyl group and R is a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or a mixture thereof with a petroleum-based hydrocarbon solvent so as to dissolve out dirt materials deposited on the fabric material into the solvent;

(b) removing the dry cleaning solvent containing the dirt material dissolved therein from the fabric material by solid-liquid separation; and

(c) drying the fabric material wet with the dry cleaning solvent.

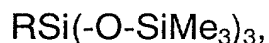
2. The method of dry cleaning of a fabric material as claimed in claim 1 in which the monovalent hydrocarbon group denoted by R in the general formula representing the tris(trimethylsiloxy) silane compound is a methyl group.

3. The method of dry cleaning of a fabric material as claimed in claim 1 in which the concentration of the petroleum-based hydrocarbon solvent in the mixture thereof with the tris(trimethylsiloxy) silane compound does not exceed 70% by weight.

4. The method of dry cleaning of a fabric material as claimed in

claim 1 in which the step (a) is conducted at a temperature in the range from 10 to 60 °C.

5. A dry cleaning solvent of a fabric material which is a mixture of at least 30% by weight of a tris(trimethylsiloxy) silane compound represented by the general formula



In which Me is a methyl group and R is a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and 70% by weight or less of a petroleum-based hydrocarbon solvent.

6. The dry cleaning solvent as claimed in claim 5 in which the monovalent hydrocarbon group denoted by R in the general formula representing the tris(trimethylsiloxy) silane compound is a methyl group.